

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 244

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A RESOLUTION designating April 19-25, 2009, as "Cowboy Poetry Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the American West, cowboy and pioneer poets have played a large part in preserving western culture and heritage through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS, cowboy poetry is an American tradition, and many stories that continue to be shared today originated from Tennessee pioneers and settlers moving west; and

WHEREAS, the long tradition and endearing qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is not only a cherished Tennessee legacy but is also a living and vital art form; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to many celebrated cowboy poets, and recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as cowboys themselves; and

WHEREAS, the celebrations and official designations and proclamations of a state should reflect the traditions and values of its people; and

WHEREAS, it is with pride and appreciation that this legislative body recognizes the importance of cowboy poetry among the good people of this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate April 19-25, 2009, as "Cowboy Poetry Week" in Tennessee, commend the cowboy poets for their dedication to the tradition of poetry and story-telling which ensures the preservation of history, and encourage each of this state's citizens to celebrate the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.